

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Juson, Mrs S Rowsell, Mr D Fordham, Mr R Bayliss, Mr R Harris and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and R Hewitt, Clerk. Two (2) members of the public were present.

2019/315 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Ms Z Broad, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr J Vaughan.

2019/316 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2019/317 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2019 were agreed and signed.

2019/318 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

A temporary repair of Lugg Green road by Balfour Beatty has meant it can now be used. The delay was due to the need to obtain permission to do the work near a badger sett. A permanent repair will follow in April 2020. The nutrients group is to meet shortly to try to resolve the phosphates planning moratorium. Willow bed and reed bed systems may provide an alternative. It is hoped that more funding will be available from government for the roads. Balfour Beatty has put resurfacing the middle section on North Road and the Cobnash road in the maintenance plan for 2020-21. In April the velocity patcher is expected to be “back in action” repairing potholes. It is important to keep water off the roads, which is the responsibility of riparian owners. A decision on the Hereford bypass has been paused until July 2020. The 2020-21 budget is to be considered by Herefordshire Council in February 2020.

2019/319 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked about progress on the new 40 mph speed limit at Cobnash. Ward Cllr. Bowen said a traffic regulation order is underway, as is the mini-maxi roundabout at Lawton Cross.

2019/320 CLERK’S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

The War Memorials Trust has advised that replacement of the top/ capstone should not be undertaken as part of the planned restoration work and has proposed removing the paint “which is not seen to be part of the original design”. A new quotation is required to complete the application for a grant. The deadline for the application is 31 March 2020.

The SID on North Road that stopped operating has been reported to Balfour Beatty. It may be that it was temporarily ‘stored’ on site. West Mercia Police has advised of some rural thefts in recent week and catalytic converter thefts from the industrial estates in Leominster.

Fifty sandbags have been purchased for community use and are stored at Oakfields Farm. The precept for 2020-21 (£16,000) has been submitted to Herefordshire Council. Meetings attended included: parish briefing by Balfour Beatty at the Kingsland depot, meeting with ADL Traffic with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Cllr. Bowen, and site meeting with Balfour Beatty and the Vice Chairman and Cllr. Harris to look at the proposed s106 highway improvements.

2019/321 PLANNING

194372 Land off junction of A4110 and B4529, Eardisland, HR6 9AU – Application for hedgerow removal notice. *The planning application was supported.*

Planning Decisions/ enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 192316 Lawtonbury Farm.

2019/322 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: HALC, in-house training (£228.36); Kingsland Village Shop, meeting 25 November 2019, (£51.00); Clerk, sandbags and domain registration (£243.00); Clerk, office/ administrative costs, April-Dec. 2019 (£377.27); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£96.00).

2019/323 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The meeting noted the requirement for supervised work in the area of the pipeline which crosses the parish. The company which manages the pipeline requires notification of all work within 50 metres, including ditching or drainage, street furniture, stiles and footpath markers. The notification needs to be in advance of doing the work which will need to be supervised. A map and information on how to identify the route of the pipeline and who to contact to advise of work has been provided to the lengthsman coordinator, footpath officer and the contractors who carry out work for the parish council. A leak from the sewage pipe on North Road in early December 2019 was fixed by Welsh Water.

2019/324 ROAD CLOSURE AT LUGG GREEN ROAD

No action required as the road has been re-opened.

2019/325 INITIAL CONSULTATION ON POTENTIAL TRO SCHEME AT SHIRL HEATH/LAWTON CROSS

The parish council agreed to support the proposal to reduce the existing National Speed Limit to 40mph on various roads in the vicinity of Shirl Heath and Lawton's Cross as set out in the initial consultation.

2019/326 40MPH SPEED LIMIT NORTH OF LUCS

A request to extend the start of the 40mph speed limit north of Lucs on the A4110 was considered. Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty has been asked to improve the signage which marks the start of the current speed limit. The parish council agreed to support this request.

2019/327 S106 FUNDED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Vice Chairman reported on the site meeting held with Balfour Beatty to look at the proposed highway improvements to implement a 20mph zone outside the school and traffic calming on the narrow stretch of the A4110 by Spout House/ Spout Lane, Shirlheath, and on the approach to Hostel Lane from the B4360 at Cobnash and on Hostel Lane itself. Balfour Beatty are currently reviewing the improvements “to provide the best solutions for the available funding”.

2019/328 P3 FOOTPATHS

A Duke of Edinburgh coordinator has been in contact to review “any problems on the routes” to prepare for expeditions in 2020. Balfour Beatty does not provide ‘no dog fouling signs’ for PROW footpaths.

2019/329 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr. Harris reported on the Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning review Workshop held by Herefordshire Council in November 2019. The parish council agreed to form a steering group to help review the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllrs. Harris and Watkins kindly agreed to join the steering group. Interested members of the public are welcome to join the steering group.

2019/330 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020

It was agreed to hold a separate annual parish meeting and to invite West Mercia Police to provide an overview of local policing. Refreshments will be provided. Long serving councillors will be invited personally to attend the annual meeting and recognition of their service to the community will be acknowledged.

2019/331 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.

2019/332 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44 pm.

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